

The partnership with iGem team UFAM/UEA, was personally very exciting. A visit to the School to discuss the implementation of an activity, came an exchange of ideas and the possibility of much greater partnerships.

First, I was able to accomplish a desire for years, to take the students from High School to College and enhance the experience of an academic laboratory environment, meet researchers and see them in action, feel a more refined taste of biology.

The Parenting Workshop, organized by team, aroused passions! The experience is remembered and mentioned by the students, who have asked more and more about the faculties of biology, chemistry and biotechnology, with an interest in pursuing a career in the area.

The experience was so important to them, that in Science, show I don't even suggest theme. More than half of the room chose something of genetics and Biotechnology theme. In the end, we had two teams, one on transgenics and another on DNA and paternity tests. The identification with the topic and the involvement with the topics was so much that was the first time that I, as a teacher, i didn't have any work in the execution of an activity like this, which usually requires a lot. Just sat and watched them perform the ideas!

This opportunity of the visit to the University, still came an invitation to high school interns participate in iGem team activities. I had much more interested than I thought it would be and it was necessary to make a selection. It was beautiful to see the joy on the faces of those selected, but broke my heart the tears of those who cannot participate this year.

Later, the student day was celebrated with a giant activity, with all the high school students. The Scientific Marathon was crazy! Lectures, videos and activities involved all the students, who were super satisfied with the experience and already wonder if next year will be again!

All the games in the marathon were thought in order to allow a better understanding of the project objectives of Mercury Bacter, light and fun. In addition, the students learned the importance of the sustainable use of natural resources and the importance of the role of science and technology to achieve sustainable development.

Now, we're hoping for a great team performance in 2016 competition, and eager for partnerships in the next year. Good luck, guys!

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